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SUBJECT: UNESCO: INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON RACE
AND RACIAL PREJUDICE: U.S. PARTICIPATION

1. AS MARCH 13-20 RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE CONFERENCE
DRAWS CLOSER, AN INCREASING NUMBER OF PERMDELS AND
SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS ARE URGING THAT US ANNOUNCE ITS
DECISION TO PARTICIPATE.

2. AT THE FOREFRONT HAS BEEN GOI PERMREP, MAIER
JOFFE, WHO HAS CONTACTED PERMREP ON A NUMBER OF
OCCASIONS DURING PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, HOPING TO BE
INFORMED OF A POSITIVE US DECISION. AT LAST MEETING,
ON FEBRUARY 3, JOFFE INFORMED US AGAIN THAT GOI
STRONGLY FAVORED US PARTICIPATION, AND INDICATED
HE AMAZED THAT PERMDEL HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ITS
INSTRUCTIONS. FURTHERMORE, HE HAD LEARNED THAT
RADICAL ARABS WOULD INTRODUCE UN RES. 3379 AT THE
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CONFERENCE, BUT PROBABLY WOULD NOT PRESS FOR A VOTE
IF IT LIKELY TO BE DEFEATED. THEREFORE, INTENSITY OF
DEBATE AND SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF INITIATIVE WILL
DEPEND ON WHETHER SOVIETS AND EES LINE UP IN FULL
SUPPORT OF ARABS ON THIS ISSUE. IN JOFFE'S OPINION,
THEREFORE, THE US COULD HELP TO HEAD OFF A CONFRON-
TATION BY LETTING SOVIETS KNOW WELL IN ADVANCE
BILATERALLY THAT WE DISTURBED BY REPORTS USSR MIGHT
ACTIVELY SUPPORT RES. 3379.

3. JOFFE'S DEMARCHE WAS REPEATED NEARLY VERBATIM
LATER IN THE DAY AT A MEETING OF THE INFORMATION
GROUP (IF). FOLLOWING PARA BY PARA DISCUSSION IG
AMENDMENTS TO RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE DRAFT TEXT
(FOLLOWS SEPTTEL), SWISS PERMREP, CHARLES HUMMEL, SAID
THAT ON BEHALF OF IG MEMBERS, AND HIMSELF, HE SINCERELY
HOPED THAT THE US WOULD DECIDE SOON TO PARTICIPATE IN
MARCH 13-20 MEETING. THIS APPEAL SECONDED WAS BY A
NUMBER OF PERMDELS DURING AND AGAIN AFTER THE MEETING.
FURTHERMORE, HUMMEL REPORTED HE HAD LEARNED FROM
AMBASSADOR EL-WAKIL (EGYPT), THAT ARABS WISHED TO
INTRODUCE RES. 3379, BUT WERE HESITATING OWING TO
PROSPECTS FOR FAILURE UNLESS ASSURED OF FIRM SUPPORT
FROM SOVIETS AND EES.

4. AMB. EL-WAKIL CONFIRMED THIS ACCOUNT PERSONALLY
TO AMB. TORRES DURING A MEETING ON FEBRUARY 6. NOTING
THAT SOVIET SUPPORT TO ARAB PLANS FOR INTRODUCING RES.
3379, HE SUGGESTED THAT BEST WAY TO CONTAIN ISSUE
AT CONFERENCE, WOULD BE US BILATERAL INTERVENTION WITH
SOVIETS. GOAL WOULD BE TO FORSTALL ENTHUSIASTIC AND
ACTIVE SOVIET SUPPORT FOR RES. 3379, THEREBY THWARTING
ATTEMPT TO MOUNT AND SUSTAIN A WINNING MOVEMENT IN
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FAVOR OF ZIONISM RACISM EQUATION.
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4. UNDERSTANDING ON EXPORT CREDITS: THERE WAS LENGTHY
AND INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION ABOUT POSSIBLE
HARMONIZATION OF THE WP-6 UNDERSTANDING ON EXPORT CREDITS

FOR SHIPS WITH THE CONSENSUS ARRANGEMENT ON EXPORT CREDITS. SPAIN AND SWEDEN THOUGHT THE WP-6 UNDERSTANDING SHOULD BE ABROGATED INFAVOR OF THE CONSENSUS ARRANGEMENT, WHILE THE EEC DELEGATION CAUTIONED THAT THE TERMS WOULD CREATE FALSE DEMAND AND THUS DAMAGE THE INDUSTRY. THE EEC ALLUDED TO FORTHCOMING "NEGOTIATIONS" REGARDING EXCLUSIONS FROM THE CONSENSUS ARRANGEMENT, PROBABLY REFERRING TO THEIR ANTICIPATED BILATERAL TALKS WITH THE U.S. ON EXPORT CREDIT TERMS FOR LNG SHIPS. HOWEVER, RECENT U.S. ACTION WITH REGARD TO INCLUSION OF SHIPS WITHIN THE CONSENSUS ARRANGEMENT WAS NOT RAISED DIRECTLY AT THE WORKING PARTY MEETING. FRANCE ENDED THE DISCUSSION ON THIS MATTER BY NOTING THAT THE WP6 UNDERSTANDING HAD BECOME OUTDATED AFTER FOUR YEARS SINCE MARKET CONDITIONS HAD CHANGED CONSIDERABLY AND THE CONSENSUS ARRANGEMENT STRENGTHENED. IT WAS THEREFORE FELT BY THE FRENCH DELEGATION THAT SOME DRAWING TOGETHER OF THE TWO EXPORT CREDIT CRITERIA SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED. THIS MATTER WAS TABLED FOR DIS-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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CUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING.

5. DRAFT REPORT TO THE COUNCIL: A LENGTHY, TEDIOUS REVIEW OF THIS DOCUMENT RESULTED IN MODIFICATIONS EMPHASIZING THE SEVERITY OF THE PRESENT CRISIS AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE WORKING PARTY IN DEALING WITH SAME. AN ATTEMPT BY THE SWEDISH DELEGATE TO INCORPORATE A COMMITMENT IN THE REPORT FOR WP6 TO TAKE STRONGER LONG-TERM MEASURES FOR INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURATION WAS PUT ASIDE BY OTHER DELEGATES AND THE CHAIRMAN. THERE IS REFERENCE IN THE REPORT TO THE UNITED STATES WITH REGARD TO ACCEDING TO THE UNDERSTANDING ON EXPORT CREDIT FOR SHIPS. USDEL FELT IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE IN OUR ROLE AS OBSERVERS TO COMMENT ON THE ADVISABILITY OF THE WORKING PARTY'S PURSUIT OF THIS END. HOWEVER, RELEVANT PARA IN DOCUMENT READS: QUOTE "THE WORKING PARTY CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT ALL THE OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH PLAY OR MAY SOON PLAY A ROLE ON THE EXPORT MARKET SHOULD TAKE PART IN ITS EFFORTS TO DEVELOP THE CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR HEALTHY COMPETITION. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT REITERATES ITS INVITATION TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF ITS PARTICIPATING IN AN APPROPRIATE FASHION IN THE UNDERSTANDING ON EXPORT CREDITS FOR SHIP" UNQUOTE.

6. THE WP ACCEPTED A REQUEST BY THE TRADE UNION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH IT. THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WP WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 11-12.

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